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THAT "TAXPAYER FROM FLORIS"

The following article, purporting to have been written by "A Taxpayer from Floris," and which appeared in last week's issue of the Beaver Democrat, commenting at length on the recent action of the new Board of County Commissioners in discontinuing for the present the county agent work in this county, MAY have been written by a "taxpayer from Floris," but we have our doubts. The article bears all the earmarks of a gentleman more deeply interested in the County Agent job than a "taxpayer" of Beaver county, at any rate any person who writes an article of that length and upon a subject in which he claims the people are so VITALLY interested should have the courage to back his convictions with his signature at least. Merely signing, "A Taxpayer from Floris," covers too much territory.

The article follows:

A Tragedy
"We are recently in receipt of a communication from one of our subscribers in which he states that they have been attempting to secure a County Agent in their section but have failed, largely through the opposition of one man. He says, 'I believe the proposition would have gone through by a big vote were it not for the knocking done by one member of the Board. This man is one of the poorest farmers in the county; he has no silo, he uses a scrub bull; he can't afford an automobile, and his boys left the farm for the city as soon as they were twenty years old.'"

We wonder if like ignorance and poverty of thought does not stand in the way of the establishment of many excellent forward movements. We have seen this kind of opposition in many places and on many occasions.

What an indictment of a farmer in a dairy community. "He has no silo, he uses a scrub bull."

It is a credit to the County Agent idea that such confirmed sinners against good farming should oppose it.

The above is an editorial in "Hoard's Dairyman" of July 18, 1919, and while the case described is in Wisconsin, it is such an admirable presentation of the County Agent proposition that it is well worth reprinting over and over again.

And it is almost perfectly fitted to conditions in Beaver County at this time, for we notice in the proceedings of the new Board of County Commissioners at their first meeting on July 8th, that they have, in their superior wisdom, refused to co-operate with the United States Department of Agriculture and the State of Oklahoma, and have ridden rough shod over the wishes and proffers of both the Federal and the State Departments, as well as over the expressed will of perhaps a thousand or more of the most progressive farm folks in Beaver county, and have definitely determined that the county shall not have any County Agent, no matter what the progressive farm folks of the county may think about it.

In the Wisconsin case referred to above, it appears that the progress of the county was blocked by just one man on the board; but in the Beaver county case it seems that we have three of a kind, for we understand that the whole board voted the same way.

It is true, perhaps, that there are farm folks in Beaver county who have never been benefited directly by the County Agent in the county. It is also probably true, judging from the recent action of the commissioners, that there are people in Beaver county who will never be helped directly by the County Agent or any other live, wide awake enterprise that may come along for the simple reason that such folks are not the sort that can be helped by anything, and are never far enough along the road of progress to come in contact with any plan or idea except one that has outlived its usefulness and fallen far behind those who are really putting Beaver county on the map.

Likewise, it is true that there are people in Beaver county who have never been directly benefited by any of the churches or lodges in Beaver county; and it is equally true that they never will be benefited by any of these institutions for the reason that they are not far enough along the road of either Christian or fraternal progress to come into contact with the ideas and ideals that are able to benefit them.

Beaver county is to be congratulated however, that the present board of county commissioners do not have the power to control in these matters, for if they did have it, we very much fear that they would abolish both the churches and the lodges, as they have abolished the county agent work here.

Yes, Oklahoma, and Beaver county, with all their boasted progressiveness, have people who are chronic knockers and will deliberately block any new scheme that promises to develop or advance the interests of the people, just the same as old Wisconsin has them.

There are two points of difference though, that it may be well to notice. The knocker in Wisconsin had perhaps not had a chance to know anything about the work. United States, the State and the County have been doing through the county agents, for it seems that they had never had a county agent in their county, while the Beaver county knockers have had the county agent work in the county for more than five years, and if they are not familiar with both the plan and scope of the work, it is another evidence that they are not up close enough to the front to know what is really going on in the world.

It further appears that Wisconsin has given only one man of that caliber in a place, but in Beaver county we have shown that she has them in sufficient numbers to produce three in a hill, and in a place of authority where they can do the most harm.

Will some one please tell our Honorable Board of County Commissioners, who is President of the United States, and who is Governor of the State of Oklahoma, and impress upon them the fact that the world does actually turn round. It may be information to them to know these newly discovered facts.

A TAXPAYER FROM FLORIS.
It is one thing to make statements but it is quite another to substantiate them with facts. As for the new Board of County Commissioners riding "rough shod" over the "expressed will of perhaps a thousand or more of the most progressive farm folks in Beaver county," we very seriously doubt if there are a thousand people in the county, after the "five years work of the county agent," who even know that the county has supported such an agent. We do know that of the great number who have mentioned the matter to the writer since the abolishment of the office, only one has felt that it was not the right thing to do and even he doubted somewhat the wisdom of retaining the agent at the advanced price which it would have been necessary to pay. If there are "thousands" whose "expressed will" has been ridden over

"rough shod" may we not hear from some of them in a fair, straightforward manner and not from hiding behind such cognomens as "A Taxpayer from Floris?" We shall be glad to publish the name of every taxpayer in Beaver county, even to the entire number, if they favor the retention of the County Agent at the advanced salary and expense of some \$5,000.00. The new Board of County Commissioners too, we are sure, would be glad to see the names of those "thousand or more." Members of the Board tell us that not one person has mentioned the matter to them except to commend the action. There is no question but that the vast majority of the taxpayers of Beaver county heartily commend the action of the new Board in abolishing the county agent work in the county for the present.

The "Taxpayer from Floris" is quite right in his statement that, "there are farm folks in Beaver county who have never been benefited directly by the County Agent in the county." There are "scads" of them. Where is the farmer, living on a dry, rough quarter section, his family housed in a dug-out and, while honest and industrious, does not have the means to buy the latest approved farming implements nor the best registered cattle, horses and swine, but who pays his just proportion of taxes to maintain a county agent, who has been visited by the County Agent and Home Demonstrator and, while the agent instructed the man of the house in ways and means by which, with proper labor and care, he might produce more crops and stock, within his means, the Demonstrator advised and instructed the mother of the household in canning, conserving and the many home helps which come within her sphere? There are a few of the best farms in the county, farms conducted by men and women of means, those able to buy the BEST in implements and stock, who have an intimate acquaintance with the County Agent and Home Demonstrator through frequent visits, but what of the less fortunate class of farmers, those not financially able to buy the best but for whom the county agent work is intended as well as for the prosperous and who help "pay the freight." How many of that class have received direct benefit? Has the work of the county agent benefited the county as a whole and has it benefited the county to an extent which would justify the expenditure this year of some \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00? The new Board of County Commissioners feel that it would not and The Herald, as well as a very great number of other taxpayers, share their belief.

As for the "churches and lodges" the reference of the "Taxpayer from Floris" (?) to that matter is quite in line with his other argument (?) Churches and lodges are not maintained at the expense of the county. If they were, and at \$5,000.00 a year per, we have no doubt but that many of them could very profitably be done away with and would be, by the people themselves, however we fail to see the similarity in the church, lodge and county agent work and thus the comparison is rather far-fetched.

The "two points of difference" referred to by the "Taxpayer from Floris," appear to us as points of similarity in that he says, "the knocker in Wisconsin had perhaps not had a chance to know anything about the work." for it seems that they had never had a county agent in their county, while the Beaver county knockers have had the county agent in the county for more than five years, and let us add, have still "not had a chance to know anything about the work." If knowledge is to be gained from things accomplished. Will someone who is fond of compiling figures in large amounts, kindly check up the cost of the county agent work in Beaver county for the more than five years and let us publish the result? Then will someone who thinks maintaining the agent is advisable, compile the result accomplished in those five years and let us see which way the scales will balance?

In the last paragraph of his article the "Taxpayer from Floris" admits more than we expected of him. Indeed it is a "newly discovered fact" as to who is President of the United States. The recent return of Woodrow Wilson to the United States has divulged that fact. As to who is Governor of Oklahoma speaks for itself as does also the identity of "A Taxpayer from Floris," and the little bunch of followers who are trying hard to make a political pull but who will have very little luck with the present Board of County Commissioners, who were elected by a big majority of the people in the fullest confidence that they would discharge the affairs of the county in an honest, honorable business-like manner and who will not betray that confidence. Yes, Beaver county, thank goodness, did last year produce "three in a hill," in a place of authority, and if they continue in the plain, common-sense honest manner in which they have started, and we have no doubt but that they will, the new board of County Commissioners are going to bring old Beaver county out of the bankruptcy into which she has been thrown by incompetency, extravagance and graft. Keep your eye on the proceedings of the new Board. They welcome the closest scrutiny of every act. None of their proceedings will be garbled you may depend upon that.

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